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Alleged grievances of Sjt. Kiran Chandra Mukherjee, detenue at Vizagapatam.

*478 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the complaints and grievances of Sjt Kiran Chandra Mukherjee who is now kept at Vizagapatam as a detenue and what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to redress them;

(b) whether his health is now all right;

(c) whether his letters are being delivered to him punctually and regularly; and

(d) whether his allowance has been increased and what it is now?

A.—(a) The Government understand that the individual in question had been externed from Bengal under the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1925, by an order of the Bengal Government and that he has since been permitted to return to Bengal. The Madras Government have issued no order respecting him nor are they concerned with him in any way.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know specifically whether this gentleman is in Bengal or Madras?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have absolutely no information."

Mr. S SATYAMURTI:—"The answer is 'the Government understand . . . that he has since been permitted to return to Bengal.' So Government must be able to give us some information."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"We don't know whether he has returned to Bengal or is still here."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"I want to know whether according to the best information available to the Government Sjt. Kiran Chandra Mukherjee is at Vizagapatam or has returned to Bengal?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have no information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Will the Government call for the information? I am not asking with regard to casual residents; I am asking with regard to a gentleman who has been externed by the Government of Bengal and is made to live at Vizagapatam."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"If my hon. Friend wants the information, the Government will certainly find it out."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU:—"Are not the Government aware that there was a constant surveillance of the Police of this Government on this person?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Government are not aware."